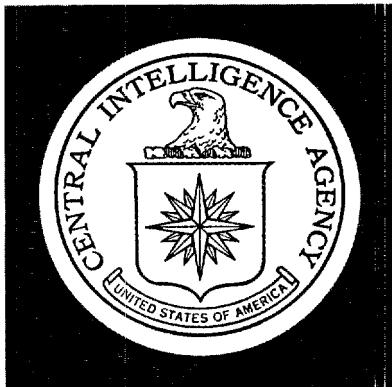


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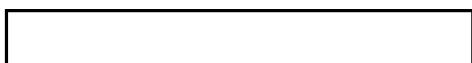
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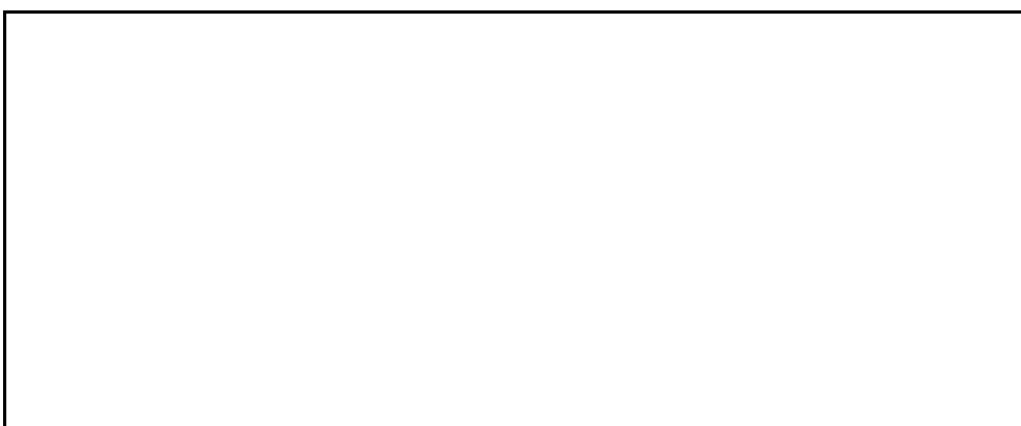
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Belgium - Communist China: Foreign Minister Harmel is planning to make a statement sometime after a cabinet meeting scheduled for 21 February recognizing Peking as the government of "continental China." The Chinese Nationalist foreign minister says he has this information from his ambassador in Brussels. Belgian leaders presumably hope to negotiate an exchange of diplomatic missions. The Belgians insist that they will continue to support Taiwan's position in the United Nations, and that they want to maintain relations with Taipei. At this point, Taipei's reaction appears flexible, and its ultimate stand depends on how the Belgian move develops.

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Nationalist China: Taipei is again making plans for small-scale sabotage operations against the mainland, presumably in part for psychological effect prior to the Nationalists' tenth party congress on 29 March.

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In the past such missions have been generally ineffective because of poor planning and the alertness of Chinese Communist security forces. Should the Nationalists carry out some operation from Hong Kong, Peking would hold the British authorities there responsible and demand that they prevent such activities in the future.

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